

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12 to 24, and amend Claims 1 to 11 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus which receives a print job according to a predetermined print service request from a data processing apparatus and processes the ~~[[said]]~~ received print job, comprising:

storing means for storing a plurality of pieces of group information in correspondence to job issuers ~~set every said predetermined print service request;~~

discriminating means for discriminating whether a print job according to a specific print service request which is received corresponds to the group information stored in said storing means or not;

setting means for, if it is determined by said discriminating means that said print job does not correspond, setting specific group information to a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable execution of for enabling the print job to be executed into said non-corresponding print job; and

job control means for controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received ~~[[the]]~~ print job according to the predetermined print service request or the specific print service request on the basis of the plurality of pieces of ~~[[said]]~~ group information stored by said storing means or the ~~[[said]]~~ specific group information set by said setting means, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

2. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [[said]] specific print service request is an Internet print service.

3. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said setting means sets the specific group information ~~for enabling the print job to be executed~~ and a passcode so as to enable execution of the ~~into said non-corresponding~~ print job.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said job control means controls the permission/inhibition of the execution of the print job ~~according to the predetermined print service request or the specific print service request~~ on the basis of a job management table.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein said~~ discriminating means for discriminating ~~discriminates~~ whether or not a [[the]] print job is received according to the specific print protocol ~~service request corresponds to the group information stored in said storing means or not~~ in accordance with a port connected by said print service.

6. (Currently amended) An image processing method in an image processing apparatus which has storing means for storing group information set every predetermined print service request, receives a print job according to said predetermined print service request from a data processing apparatus, and processes the [said]] received print job, comprising:

a discriminating step of ~~discriminating whether a print job according to a specific print service request which is received corresponds to the group information stored in said storing means or not;~~

a setting step of, if it is ~~determined by said discriminating step that said print job does not correspond;~~ setting specific group information to a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable execution of ~~for enabling the print job, the specific group information corresponding to the specific print protocol~~ to be executed into said non-corresponding print job; and

a job control step of controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received ~~[[the]]~~ print job ~~according to the predetermined print service request or the specific print service request~~ on the basis of the plurality of pieces of ~~[[said]]~~ group information stored in said storing step or the ~~[[said]]~~ specific group information set in said setting step, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

7. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ specific print service request is an Internet print service.

8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein in said setting step, the specific group information ~~for enabling the print job to be executed~~ and a passcode so as to enable execution of the ~~are set into said non-corresponding print job.~~

9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein in said job control step, the permission/inhibition of the execution of the print job according to the predetermined print service request or the specific print service request is controlled on the basis of a job management table.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 6, further comprising a wherein in said discriminating step of discriminating[[.]] whether or not a [[the]] print job is received according to the specific print protocol service request corresponds to the group information stored in said storing means or not is discriminated in accordance with a port connected by said print service.

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable control program for an image processing method in an image processing apparatus which has storing means for storing group information set every predetermined print service request, receives a print job according to said predetermined print service request from a data processing apparatus, and processes the [[said]] received print job, wherein said control program allows a CPU to execute:

a discriminating step of discriminating whether a print job according to a specific print service request which is received corresponds to the group information stored in said storing means or not;

a setting step of, if it is ~~determined~~ by said discriminating step that said print job does not correspond, setting specific group information tot a print job received according to a specific print protocol and having no identification showing a job issuer thereof so as to enable

~~execution of for enabling the print job, the specific group information corresponding to the specific print protocol to be executed into said non-corresponding print job; and~~

a job control step of controlling permission/inhibition of the execution of each received [[the]] print job according to the ~~predetermined~~ print service request or the specific print service request on the basis of the plurality of pieces of [[said]] group information stored in said storing step or the [[said]] specific group information set in said setting step, if authentication for the stored group information is successful.

12. to 24. (Canceled)